

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present Amendment B the claims in the application are claims 1-9, with claim 1 independent.

Initially, applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his indication that claim 1 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and that claims 2-9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendments Presented

Claims 1 and 9 have been amended herein to overcome minor informalities and typographical errors. Applicant also respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced by the present amendment.

Response to Office Action

The above-identified Office Action has been reviewed, the references carefully considered, and the Examiner's comments carefully weighed. In view thereof, the present Amendment B is submitted. It is contended that by the present amendment, all bases of rejection set forth in the Office Action have been traversed and overcome. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Particularly, the Examiner states that claim 1 is indefinite because it is unclear if the “a drive shaft” in line 8 is the same “a drive shaft” of line 5. Further,

the Examiner states that it is unclear if one of the pair of upward bulging walls of claim 9 is the same as the upward bulging wall of claim 1.

Applicant's Response

Applicant has carefully considered the Examiner's rejection and, based on the above amendments to claims 1 and 9, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has been overcome. Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 USC §112 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Conclusion

Based on all of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that all of the rejections set forth in the Office Action are overcome, and that all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable over all of the references of record, whether considered singly or in any reasonable combination. It is applicant's contention that no possible reading of the references, either singly or in any reasonable combination, can be viewed as teaching applicant's claimed invention. For all of the above mentioned reasons, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of each of the pending claims.

The application is now believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If any issues remain unresolved, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephonically contact applicant's undersigned representative to expedite prosecution of the application.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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